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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 466</p> <p>1 syndication of a PNC letter of credit for AGH 2 funds? 3 A. No, I don't recall. 4 Q. I believe you testified that this syndication 5 effort by PNC Bank occurred in the late 1995 or 6 early 1996 time frame? 7 A. I believe so. 8 Q. And am I correct that during the first half of 9 1996 you were discussing with PNC Bank becoming 10 a letter of credit provider for the DVOG bonds? 11 A. Yes. 12 MR. TORBORG: Counsel, I assume you 13 mean the calendar year 1996? 14 MR. KRUSKO: Yes, thank you. 15 A. Yes, that's probably the time frame. 16 Q. Okay. Do you recall any discussion in that 17 time frame, again, first half of calendar 1996, 18 with anyone at PNC Bank with respect to how 19 PNC's attempt to syndicate the AGH letter of 20 credit was going to impact, if at all, PNC's 21 willingness to enter into a letter of credit 22 with respect to the DVOG bonds? 23 A. I recall that initially PNC made the statement 24 that given their exposure to the Allegheny 25 organization in total, that most likely they</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 468</p> <p>1 information that AHERF would send to 2 prospective letter of credit providers to 3 inform their decision as to whether to provide 4 a letter of credit? 5 A. We had a bid package, yes. 6 Q. In addition to this bid package, was there any 7 other package of information that AHERF made it 8 a practice to send to potential letter of 9 credit providers after the bid package had been 10 sent out? 11 A. If a bidder came back with a unique request for 12 information, we tried to respond as best as 13 possible. 14 Q. So after the bid package went out, AHERF 15 provided information on a case-by-case basis? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Do you recall whether a bid package was sent to 18 PNC Bank? 19 A. Well, I'm assuming that because they had bid 20 that they did receive a bid package. 21 Q. Do you recall with respect to the case-by-case 22 providing you information, any specific 23 requests for information by anyone at PNC Bank 24 after PNC Bank had received a bid package from 25 AHERF?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 467</p> <p>1 were not going to bid on the -- the upcoming 2 Delaware Valley Obligated Group bonds as a 3 letter of credit bank. 4 And I think ultimately they came 5 through with a bid for being a letter of credit 6 provider, but that it was priced well above 7 other providers for the same facility. 8 And I believe that we, meaning AHERF 9 treasury, had told PNC that they were priced 10 well above the market, and in terms of who we 11 were talking to, that seemed to be acceptable 12 and they understood where their bid had come in 13 regards to -- in regards to other competitors. 14 Shortly thereafter in sharing that 15 information with David McConnell, the CFO of 16 AHERF, PNC came back to us, and I think through 17 information that Mr. McConnell had shared with 18 other representatives of PNC, PNC came back and 19 said they wanted to rebid on the roles of 20 letter of credit provider. They did so, and 21 they came in substantially lower, and, in fact, 22 they were the lowest bidder for that -- for 23 that position. 24 Q. I take it in the first half of calendar 1996 25 there was a standard packet -- package of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 469</p> <p>1 A. No, I don't. 2 Q. Do you recall more generally any request for 3 information by PNC Bank after PNC Bank had made 4 its initial bid for the 1996 letter of credit? 5 A. No. 6 Q. Were you surprised at the time that PNC came 7 back with a second bid that was, in fact, 8 competitive? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. And do you recall anything more other than just 11 general surprise that PNC's second bid was, in 12 fact, competitive? 13 A. No. 14 Q. And I take it you were surprised because PNC 15 had earlier tried to syndicate a letter of 16 credit it had provided for one of the AHERF 17 affiliates and had previously come in with a 18 bid that was not competitive? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. And sitting here today, do you have any 21 knowledge as to why PNC put forth this second 22 competitive bid? 23 A. No. 24 Q. If I could show you three previously marked 25 exhibits, and I'm just doing this to refresh</p>

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1 your recollection. I don't want to ask you or  
2 I'm not going to ask you, rather, detailed  
3 questions about each, and I'm putting before  
4 you Exhibits 693, 694, and 695.

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6 (The witness reviewed the documents.)

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8 Q. Mr. Martin, do you recognize Exhibits 693, 694,  
9 and 695 as a series of faxes dated April 21st,  
10 1998?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And is it your recollection that Exhibit 693  
13 was prepared by Ms. Gilbert for Mr. McConnell?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And I believe you testified earlier you made  
16 handwritten changes to this Exhibit 693 and the  
17 handwritten changes are contained in Exhibit  
18 694?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And I believe you also testified -- strike  
21 that.

22 Is it the case that Exhibit 695  
23 contains typewritten corrections which you had  
24 previously made yourself?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did you retype Exhibit 694?

2 A. Did I retype it personally?

3 Q. Yes, or did anyone at your direction I should  
4 ask you.

5 MR. TORBORG: Object to form.

6 A. I don't recall typing it myself. I'm assuming  
7 it would have been done by the administrative  
8 assistant.

9 Q. Do you recall any conversation with  
10 Mr. McConnell in this time frame, April 21st,  
11 1998, with respect to any of these three  
12 exhibits, Exhibit 693, Exhibit 694, or Exhibit  
13 695?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what conversation are you recalling?

16 A. Well, I recall that in general in regards to  
17 the situation, which was to raise cash, the  
18 purpose for raising cash was very confused.  
19 This was a period in which there were demands  
20 for cash on the organization, and there had  
21 also been a number of conversations about the  
22 overall equity investment position of the  
23 organization from an investment policy  
24 perspective as well.

25 So shortly after a conversation with

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1 some outside parties about the investment  
2 policy for the organization, Mr. McConnell  
3 directed that we raise the cash position for  
4 the organization.

5 And I recall that in conversation  
6 with Mr. McConnell I said so -- something to  
7 the effect of so I guess we are also creating  
8 cash and certainly I suppose that if, you know,  
9 the right authority is gained, there is I guess  
10 cash, if the Mellon situation gets out of hand,  
11 if that comes to sort of a worst case  
12 conclusion, and Mr. McConnell had I believe  
13 made a general positive response to that sort  
14 of comment.

15 So we had prepared some information,  
16 and in my conversations with Susan Gilbert, I  
17 believe that I discussed the fact that -- that  
18 this liquidation and raising of cash I guess  
19 served some purposes of reducing exposure, but  
20 also it created I guess the potential if  
21 everything fell in line that worst case there  
22 would be some cash for a Mellon line as well.

23 So in a very straightforward manner,  
24 that's what went out on the original copy of  
25 the fax to Mr. McConnell. Mr. McConnell came

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1 back and said, look, we are only talking about  
2 this in terms of reducing equity exposure. I  
3 made the change, the memo was corrected and  
4 retransmitted I believe back to Mr. McConnell.

5 Q. Just so your testimony is clear, I believe you  
6 are recollecting two conversations with  
7 Mr. McConnell, one which occurred April 21st,  
8 1998, and another which occurred sometime prior  
9 to that day?

10 A. Yes. I was trying to put the memo into  
11 context.

12 Q. Do you recall when that conversation prior to  
13 April 21st, 1998, occurred?

14 A. Just that it was prior.

15 Q. Do you recall whether it occurred in April  
16 1998?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you recall whether it occurred in March  
19 1998?

20 A. There were probably quite a few conversations  
21 on these issues, and they would have been  
22 occurring prior to April 21st at various points  
23 in time.

24 Q. It's your recollection though that you  
25 mentioned to Mr. McConnell that the divesting

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1 effort with respect to AHERF's investments in  
 2 equity, that that effort would result in cash  
 3 which could be used to repay the Mellon line of  
 4 credit?  
 5 A. I made some comments to that effect.  
 6 Q. And what, if anything, do you recall of his  
 7 response?  
 8 A. I think his response or responses were along  
 9 the lines of, yeah, I mean yes, that's  
 10 certainly the case, and we want to be ready,  
 11 and this certainly is a source of funds.  
 12 Q. Do you recall the process by which an amount  
 13 was selected in terms of the equities that  
 14 AHERF was going to sell pursuant to this  
 15 divesting efforts?  
 16 A. No, I don't.  
 17 Q. Did you at the time have a personal view as to  
 18 the scope of the divesting effort that should  
 19 take place?  
 20 A. I recall that from an investment policy  
 21 perspective, I wasn't favorably disposed  
 22 towards reducing equity exposure, particularly  
 23 in a wholesale nature, and I think that I  
 24 recall this transaction pretty much eliminated  
 25 the equity exposure for certain parts of the

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1 organization.  
 2 Heretofore, in terms of reducing any  
 3 kind of exposure, we did so on a pro rata  
 4 basis, taking slices at a time, and this  
 5 certainly changed the investment portfolio very  
 6 dramatically for the organization.  
 7 So from that perspective it didn't  
 8 make a whole lot of sense to me. In terms of  
 9 providing some sort of available liquidity, it  
 10 certainly did that very easily.  
 11 Q. I believe you testified that at some point  
 12 prior to April 21st, 1998, you participated in  
 13 a conference call with Mr. McConnell,  
 14 Mr. Barnes, and other board members; is that  
 15 correct?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. And during this conference call, AHERF's  
 18 exposure to equities was discussed; is that  
 19 correct?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. Is it your recollection then that your  
 22 discussion with Mr. McConnell concerning what  
 23 could be done with the money that resulted from  
 24 this divesting effort, that that conversation  
 25 occurred after the discussion, or the

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1 conference call, rather, with Mr. McConnell,  
 2 Mr. Barnes, and other board members?  
 3 A. I don't believe I follow the question.  
 4 Q. I'm sorry, I'm just trying to place this in  
 5 time.  
 6 A. Sure.  
 7 Q. That conference call that you are recalling --  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. -- Mr. McConnell, Mr. Barnes, other board  
 10 members, do you recall roughly when that  
 11 occurred?  
 12 A. It would have been somewhere in the April of  
 13 1998 time frame.  
 14 Q. Is it your recollection that your conversation  
 15 with Mr. McConnell, at which point in time you  
 16 suggested or mentioned using the money that  
 17 resulted from the divesting effort as a source  
 18 of funds to repay the Mellon line of credit,  
 19 occurred after this conference call between  
 20 you, Mr. McConnell, and various board members?  
 21 A. I think I can recall making a comment to the  
 22 effect that by reducing our equity exposure,  
 23 certainly one of the byproducts was that at  
 24 least we had liquidity in the organization so  
 25 that if there were ever some sort of payoff of

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1 Mellon, there was a -- a pool of capital which  
 2 might be available. I think that was my  
 3 comment.  
 4 Q. Do you recall making that comment during the  
 5 conference call between you, Mr. McConnell,  
 6 Mr. Barnes, and other board members?  
 7 A. It was after the conference call.  
 8 Q. Okay. And, again, that comment was just  
 9 directed at Mr. McConnell during a telephone  
 10 call?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. Did you discuss with any board members the  
 13 possibility of using money that resulted from  
 14 the divesting effort to repay the Mellon line  
 15 of credit?  
 16 A. No. My assumption was that Mr. McConnell and  
 17 others were dealing with that issue.  
 18 Q. And your assumption was based on the fact that  
 19 Mr. McConnell was the person to whom you  
 20 directly reported?  
 21 A. That's correct, and I had had several  
 22 conversations over time with Mr. McConnell  
 23 about how information was flowing and what kind  
 24 of information was also flowing to certain  
 25 parties, either within the organization or

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1 associated with it, and Mr. McConnell made it  
2 clear that this kind of information was being  
3 shared with the board either by himself or  
4 other members of the executive staff.

5 MR. KRUSKO: Okay. Would you please  
6 mark this as Exhibit 1930.

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8 (Exhibit 1930 marked for identification.)

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10 MR. KRUSKO: For the record I would  
11 note that Exhibit 1930 is Bates numbered  
12 DBR-RJN-00148.

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14 (The witness reviewed the Exhibit.)  
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16 BY MR. KRUSKO:

17 Q. Mr. Martin, do you recognize Exhibit 1930 as a  
18 memorandum dated April 22nd, 1998, from Sherif  
19 Abdelhak to David McConnell?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you recognize the handwriting that appears  
22 at the bottom of this exhibit?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Whose handwriting is that?

25 A. That's the handwriting of Carol Gordon who was

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1 the administrative assistant to Mr. McConnell.

2 Q. And Ms. Gordon has indicated that you were to  
3 receive a copy of this letter; is that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Or, excuse me, memorandum. Do you recall  
6 receiving a copy of this memorandum?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you recall when you received it?

9 A. I believe it was sometime after April 22nd. I  
10 don't recall receiving it on the 22nd. It may  
11 have been a day or so afterwards.

12 Q. I believe you testified earlier that as of  
13 April 21st, 1998, you believed that the funds  
14 that were going to be liquidated in that time  
15 frame, or excuse me, the investments that were  
16 going to be liquidated in that time frame were  
17 going to be liquidated pursuant to AHERF's  
18 effort to divest itself of some of its equity  
19 positions?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is Exhibit 1930 then the first time that you  
22 learned that funded depreciation from AUMC, in  
23 addition to other funds, was going to be used  
24 to pay off the Mellon line of credit?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did you speak with Mr. McConnell upon receiving  
2 this letter?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Excuse me, memorandum?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What do you recall of that discussion?

7 A. I recall asking him I think first off why this  
8 was coming about and why so rapidly, and also  
9 whether there was the appropriate authority use  
10 these moneys for the repayment of Mellon Bank.

11 Q. Did you ask Mr. McConnell during this  
12 conversation or any time thereafter whether he  
13 had discussed with the board, by that I mean  
14 the board of AHERF the parent corporation,  
15 using these funds to repay the Mellon line of  
16 credit?

17 MR. TORBORG: Object to form.

18 A. I recall asking Mr. McConnell whether there was  
19 the authority, and I think I had asked that in  
20 general terms, and I think somewhere along the  
21 lines the conversation asking what about board  
22 approval.

23 And I believe that Mr. McConnell  
24 responded by saying that authority was being  
25 worked on, that the appropriate board members,

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1 if not the committees and boards would be dealt  
2 with, and that in so many words I was not to  
3 worry about the situation.

4 Q. Do you recall anyone identified by  
5 Mr. McConnell either in this conversation as  
6 being an appropriate board member?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And do you recall more generally whether  
9 Mr. McConnell mentioned discussing this with  
10 the finance and audit committee?

11 A. No.

12 Q. In the last line of the first paragraph of  
13 Exhibit 1930, Mr. Abdelhak states that the  
14 funds are to be liquidated, open quote, As  
15 necessary to provide sufficient liquidity to  
16 pay the loan in full as of this Friday, April  
17 24th, 1998, period, end quote; correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. If I can show you what have been previously  
20 marked as Exhibits 1423 and 1424, and if I  
21 could direct your attention first to 1423.

22 Do you recognize this as a letter you  
23 sent to Mr. William Simmons dated April 21st,  
24 1998, concerning liquidation of securities,  
25 Allegheny University Medical Center's funded



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<p>1 Q. Do you know what that means --</p> <p>2 A. Yeah.</p> <p>3 Q. -- no C &amp; L opinion for OG?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you have an understanding what that means?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, I do.</p> <p>7 Q. And what --</p> <p>8 A. I recall some general discussions to the effect</p> <p>9 that there was not going to be an opinion, a C</p> <p>10 &amp; L opinion for specific obligated groups.</p> <p>11 Q. And what all do you recall about those</p> <p>12 conversations?</p> <p>13 A. Just very general comments about certainly the</p> <p>14 issue that there was not going to be a C &amp; L</p> <p>15 opinion at the obligated group level, working</p> <p>16 through understanding what that would mean, and</p> <p>17 trying to determine whether that created issues</p> <p>18 or concerns for outside parties who would be</p> <p>19 receiving this audited information.</p> <p>20 Q. And at that time do you recall having concerns</p> <p>21 about the fact that there would not be audit</p> <p>22 opinion attached at the obligated group level?</p> <p>23 A. I recall within AHERF treasury the staff</p> <p>24 discussed the situation, and I can recall</p> <p>25 discussing I guess what we thought this meant</p>	<p>1 schedule -- Coopers &amp; Lybrand audit opinion on</p> <p>2 the combining, the combined and combining</p> <p>3 obligated group schedules?</p> <p>4 A. I recall that within AHERF treasury we did have</p> <p>5 conversations about the fact that the opinion</p> <p>6 would be at the AHERF level, and I also recall</p> <p>7 conversations about, as we've discussed, how</p> <p>8 much information would be available for the</p> <p>9 obligated groups so that AHERF treasury could</p> <p>10 at least meet the informational delivery</p> <p>11 requirements for each obligated group.</p> <p>12 Q. And I presume the concerns that you had were</p> <p>13 based upon the fact that the bond requirements</p> <p>14 and various other forms of debt required an</p> <p>15 audit opinion for each obligated group?</p> <p>16 A. The documents did require audited statements,</p> <p>17 yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Just show you what we marked previously as</p> <p>19 Exhibit 413.</p> <p>20 Ron, I apologize, again, I have</p> <p>21 highlighted a short portion of yours.</p> <p>22 MR. CROUCH: All right.</p> <p>23 MR. TORBORG: But it will help you</p> <p>24 follow along.</p> <p>25 For the record, Exhibit 413 is a</p>
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<p>1 in terms of what was showing up certainly in</p> <p>2 footnotes, and also I can recall discussing</p> <p>3 materiality, what would change in terms of what</p> <p>4 was considered material if an opinion was being</p> <p>5 delivered at one level as opposed to another</p> <p>6 level.</p> <p>7 Q. I'm going to come back to your comment about</p> <p>8 materiality, but let me ask you first, do you</p> <p>9 recall expressing those concerns that you just</p> <p>10 enunciated to Coopers &amp; Lybrand?</p> <p>11 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>12 Q. Now, if you look at the item 2 on this document</p> <p>13 we are looking at now, second page again, well,</p> <p>14 first it says, item 1, AHERF consolidated, one</p> <p>15 year only; and then 2, Supplemental schedules,</p> <p>16 one year only. Schedules for each OG, which I</p> <p>17 assume means obligated group. Combined and</p> <p>18 combining OG schedules, and consolidating AHERF</p> <p>19 schedules. And at the bottom I think we looked</p> <p>20 at number 5, No C &amp; L opinion for obligated</p> <p>21 group.</p> <p>22 Do you recall whether there was</p> <p>23 discussion back at this time, and I'm talking,</p> <p>24 again, early September '97, about whether or</p> <p>25 not there would be a Coopers &amp; Lybrand audit</p>	<p>1 September 12, 1997 memorandum from Becky</p> <p>2 Serafini to Mike Martin and Sue Gilbert.</p> <p>3 MR. KRUSKO: Objection. It's also</p> <p>4 from Joel Dalinka.</p> <p>5 MR. TORBORG: Objection accepted.</p> <p>6 It's a fax sheet and then a</p> <p>7 memorandum, also from Mr. Dalinka, and if,</p> <p>8 Mr. Martin, if you would take a quick glance</p> <p>9 through that and I'll ask about you it.</p> <p>10 ----</p> <p>11 (The witness reviewed the Exhibit.)</p> <p>12 ----</p> <p>13 BY MR. TORBORG:</p> <p>14 Q. Mr. Martin, does this appear to be an update of</p> <p>15 the previous memorandum dated September 3rd,</p> <p>16 1997 that we looked at --</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. -- as Exhibit 943?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. I'd like to draw your attention to specifically</p> <p>21 page 4 of the memorandum which ends with Bates</p> <p>22 61, and specifically there's an item (f) there,</p> <p>23 and there is -- I'm going to read some language</p> <p>24 in the record there. Are you with me?</p> <p>25 A. Yes.</p>

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1 Q. It says, Coopers & Lybrand has conditioned the  
2 release of its audit report upon AHERF's  
3 securing such acceptance from the various  
4 trustees, banks and lenders to which AHERF  
5 affiliates are obligated to deliver audited  
6 financial statements in a form different than  
7 the consolidated audit.

8 Do you recall, Mr. Martin, that  
9 Coopers & Lybrand or whether Coopers & Lybrand  
10 was conditioning the use of its audit opinion  
11 upon AHERF securing acceptance of the new  
12 financial reporting format from the various  
13 trustees, banks and lenders?

14 MR. KRUSKO: What time frame?

15 MR. TORBORG: In or around the early  
16 September time frame, the date of this memo.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What do you recall about -- about that issue?  
19 Was it based on personal conversations you had  
20 with Coopers & Lybrand?

21 A. I don't believe it was as a result of personal  
22 conversations. I think it was a result of  
23 conversation between Coopers and the finance  
24 department, financial accounting department  
25 specifically, and it came back I believe to

1 Q. Do you believe Coopers likely would have been  
2 aware and been informed of the difficulties  
3 AHERF treasury was having in getting  
4 across-the-board approvals?

5 MR. KRUSKO: Objection, calls for  
6 speculation.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what -- on what basis do you say that?

9 A. That AHERF treasury was I believe keeping the  
10 rest of AHERF finance informed of our progress  
11 with this initiative, and it was my  
12 understanding that AHERF finance was in regular  
13 conversations or discussions with Coopers &  
14 Lybrand.

15 MR. KRUSKO: Heidi, would you note my  
16 objection to that question.

17 Q. Mr. Martin, do you recall any specifics about  
18 which of the lenders, banks or other parties  
19 were expressing reservations about putting  
20 their agreement to accept the new financial  
21 reporting format in writing?

22 A. I believe I recall First Union.

23 Q. If you would look back to exhibit -- what we  
24 marked as Exhibit 1935, specifically it's the  
25 longer one, legal sized paper, and specifically

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1 AHERF treasury that -- that this was one of the  
2 conditions or a condition associated with the  
3 new financial statements that resulted in AHERF  
4 treasury issuing letters requesting acceptance  
5 from various trustees, banks and lenders.

6 Q. And I think Mr. Krusko asked you a few  
7 questions about treasury's attempts to get  
8 those kind of sign-offs from the various  
9 lenders?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And I believe you -- you stated that the  
12 initiative wasn't going particularly well  
13 because there were some outside parties who  
14 were unwilling to accept it?

15 MR. KRUSKO: Objection.

16 Q. Or had reservations about accepting it?

17 MR. KRUSKO: Objection.

18 A. There were outside parties that were not  
19 willing to sign the -- or accept the  
20 conditions.

21 Q. Do you recall whether or not Coopers & Lybrand  
22 was made aware of the difficulties AHERF was  
23 having in getting across-the-board approval for  
24 the new financial reporting format?

25 A. I don't recall.

1 the last page of that exhibit and item 6, which  
2 I believe states, PNC wants the right to  
3 request additional information, given no  
4 footnotes to OG schedules.

5 Do you recall whether AHERF treasury  
6 was having some difficulties in getting PNC to  
7 put its approval to the new financial reporting  
8 format in writing?

9 A. I don't recall PNC in specific. I know that we  
10 were having problems across a number of -- or  
11 were having problems with a number of outside  
12 parties.

13 Q. I'll hand you what we marked previously as  
14 Exhibit 645.

15 Ron, I lost mine. Can I show it to  
16 you briefly?

17 MR. CROUCH: Sure.

18 MR. TORBORG: Thank you. For the  
19 record, what we've marked as Exhibit -- or what  
20 has been marked as Exhibit 645 appears to be an  
21 e-mail from Susan Gilbert to Angela Maher, a  
22 copy to Mr. Martin with a date of September 30,  
23 1997.

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25 (The witness reviewed the Exhibit.)



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1 ask you to read this entire document, but do  
 2 you recognize what this is?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. And what is it?  
 5 A. It's a corporate policy manual for the AHERF  
 6 organization.  
 7 Q. What was the purpose of this manual?  
 8 A. To set a standard for various activities and  
 9 behavior within the organization. The policy  
 10 manual includes such concepts as code of ethics  
 11 or the operating principles for the entire  
 12 organization, how to deal with outside parties,  
 13 those kinds of things.  
 14 Q. Do you know who developed this manual?  
 15 A. I believe -- I believe it was put together by  
 16 the in-house legal department, but I don't know  
 17 how they assembled the document or how it was  
 18 developed.  
 19 Q. If you go to the Bates ending 1516 through 19,  
 20 does this appear to be a table of contents?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. And if you go to the Bates ending 17 and 18,  
 23 there appears to be some specific sections  
 24 relating to finance and treasury.  
 25 Let me ask you first, when you were

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1 ending 43, there's some allocation percentages  
 2 based on the types of investments?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. Did you assist in coming up with these  
 5 allocations?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Who else assisted you in that effort?  
 8 A. Other members of the AHERF treasury department  
 9 and other external consultant, investment  
 10 consultant to the organization.  
 11 Q. What is the purpose of having these allocations  
 12 setting forth the types of investments for  
 13 which the fund depreciation assets would be  
 14 invested?  
 15 A. Certainly as an ongoing guideline to direct the  
 16 actual day-to-day investing of those funds,  
 17 hopefully in a manner that was consistent with  
 18 not only the nature of the funds, but also the  
 19 risk tolerance of the organization.  
 20 Q. That's all I have on that one right now.  
 21 I'd like to show you next what has  
 22 been previously marked as Exhibit 706.  
 23 - - - -  
 24 (The witness reviewed the Exhibit.)  
 25 - - - -

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1 at AHERF, did you have a copy of this manual?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. Okay. Did you ever read it? Did you ever have  
 4 occasion to read it?  
 5 A. I went through certain sections of it. I  
 6 didn't read it from cover to cover.  
 7 Q. On page ending Bates 17, there's a section on  
 8 statement of investments, pension master trust,  
 9 funded depreciation assets, endowment assets,  
 10 section 2.12, and I'll ask if you would flip to  
 11 the Bates ending 1639. I think that will be  
 12 the section.  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Then I'm going to ask you to flip to Bates  
 15 ending 642 which deals specifically with funded  
 16 depreciation assets?  
 17 A. Yes.  
 18 Q. And it says, amongst other things, The AHERF  
 19 board assumes the responsibility for  
 20 establishing the investment policy that is to  
 21 guide the investment of the funded depreciation  
 22 assets. The investment policy describes the  
 23 degree of investment risk that the board deems  
 24 appropriate.  
 25 And then on the next page, Bates

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1 MR. KRUSKO: Dave, I think you have  
 2 two exhibits in one here.  
 3 MR. TORBORG: I do?  
 4 MR. KRUSKO: Let's go off the record.  
 5 MR. TORBORG: Why don't we go off the  
 6 record a second. Might be time for a good  
 7 break here anyway.  
 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off  
 9 the record. The time is indicated on the  
 10 screen.  
 11 - - - -  
 12 (There was a discussion off the record.)  
 13 - - - -  
 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now back on  
 15 the record. The time is indicated on the  
 16 screen.  
 17 BY MR. TORBORG:  
 18 Q. Mr. Martin, I have shown you what we have  
 19 marked previously as Exhibit 706 which is  
 20 titled Management Report on Investments, March  
 21 31, 1996.  
 22 Did you have a chance to glance  
 23 through this document?  
 24 A. Yes.  
 25 Q. Do you recall this document?

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1 A. I don't recall this document in particular,  
 2 although in general these were reports that  
 3 were issued on a periodic basis, typically  
 4 quarterly, to inform various parties about, in  
 5 some respects the financial markets, but more  
 6 specifically the performance of various  
 7 investment portfolios within the organization.  
 8 Q. Who were the various parties?  
 9 A. Certainly some members of management, primarily  
 10 though it was to the finance committee of the  
 11 board.  
 12 Q. The AHERF finance committee?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. So the system-wide finance committee?  
 15 A. Yes.  
 16 Q. Do you recall whether any of the subsidiaries'  
 17 boards or committees received these?  
 18 A. I think that they received reports that were  
 19 similar on an as-requested basis. So I think  
 20 that Allegheny General Hospital Obligated Group  
 21 received this kind of information, as did  
 22 Delaware Valley.  
 23 Q. I'd like to show you what we've marked  
 24 previously as Exhibit 429.  
 25 For the record, Exhibit 429 starts

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1 out with a memo dated March 18, 1998, from  
 2 Michael Martin to Sherif Abdelhak, and it  
 3 contains some schedules?  
 4 A. Yes.  
 5 Q. Do you recall this document, Mr. Martin?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. And does this appear to show activity, both  
 8 withdrawals and deposits, into and out of the  
 9 AGH funded depreciation account for fiscal  
 10 years 1996, 1997?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. Do you recall why you put this document  
 13 together?  
 14 A. I did so at the request of Mr. Abdelhak.  
 15 Q. Did Mr. Abdelhak indicate why he wanted you to  
 16 put this together?  
 17 A. No, he did not.  
 18 Q. How did you -- did you draft these schedules  
 19 that we see depicting the withdrawals and the  
 20 deposits yourself?  
 21 A. No. I -- I believe that I requested Susan  
 22 Gilbert or maybe Kelly Mertz pulled this  
 23 information together for me.  
 24 Q. Okay. Do you know how they went about  
 25 obtaining the information necessary to put

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1 these charts together?  
 2 A. I believe that they went back and took a look  
 3 at the historical information within the  
 4 treasury department that was either cash  
 5 management or investment related.  
 6 Q. Do you recall whether there was at some point  
 7 or multiple points an issue as to whether or  
 8 not moneys that had been taken out of the AGH  
 9 funded depreciation account and lent to eastern  
 10 affiliates should be included in the balances  
 11 depicted for AGH on the management report of  
 12 investments?  
 13 A. I recall in general recall the issue. I don't  
 14 recall the timing when it occurred of -- of how  
 15 those balances were reflected.  
 16 Q. And what issue do you remember?  
 17 A. I recall something about whether -- whether  
 18 they were being classified as loans, and if so  
 19 how. I think it was something along those  
 20 lines.  
 21 Q. Do you recall how that issue was eventually  
 22 resolved?  
 23 A. No, I don't.  
 24 Q. Switching topics again, I'd like to move to  
 25 another subject Mr. Krusko asked you about last

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1 time, and that was the consolidated  
 2 unrestricted fund balance covenant that was  
 3 contained in the reimbursement security  
 4 agreement entered into between the AGHOG and  
 5 the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York.  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. Do you recall that covenant specifically and  
 8 the subject matter?  
 9 A. I recall the covenant.  
 10 Q. Given the amount of time Mr. Krusko spent on  
 11 it, I have a relative few amount of questions  
 12 to follow up on.  
 13 A. Okay.  
 14 MR. KRUSKO: Heidi and I are curious  
 15 to know whether by ADHOG you mean DVOG.  
 16 MR. TORBORG: No, I don't.  
 17 MR. KRUSKO: I think I just misheard  
 18 you. I'm not trying to put words in your  
 19 mouth.  
 20 MR. TORBORG: The Morgan issue?  
 21 MR. KRUSKO: Thank you. I just  
 22 misheard you with respect to --  
 23 MR. TORBORG: I think I meant to say  
 24 AGHOG, A-G HOG.  
 25 MR. KRUSKO: Thank you.

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1 BY MR. TORBORG:  
 2 Q. I'd like to show you first what we marked  
 3 previously as Exhibit 362.  
 4 - - - -  
 5 (The witness reviewed the Exhibit.)  
 6 - - - -  
 7 Q. Mr. Martin, do you recognize this document?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. And I note for the record Exhibit 362 appears  
 10 to be the agenda for a conference call with  
 11 Morgan Guaranty dated March 24th, 1998, and I  
 12 notice that you are listed as an attendee  
 13 towards the bottom half of the page there?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. Do you recall attending a meeting with Morgan  
 16 Guaranty after you informed them of the  
 17 violation of the unrestricted fund balance  
 18 covenant?  
 19 MR. KRUSKO: Objection. This is  
 20 entitled conference call.  
 21 MR. TORBORG: Conference call,  
 22 meeting.  
 23 A. Yes, I recall sitting in on this call.  
 24 Q. And what generally do you recall about Morgan's  
 25 reaction to either yourself or anyone else at

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1 AHERF that you heard about when told about the  
 2 noncompliance with the unrestricted fund  
 3 balance covenant?  
 4 A. As I recall in general, I think Morgan seemed  
 5 to be fairly willing to work with the  
 6 organization on these issues, I think at least  
 7 at this point in time.  
 8 Q. Do you see there's a handwritten note? Let me  
 9 ask you first, do you recognize this  
 10 handwriting, the handwritten notations on the  
 11 document?  
 12 A. Yes. I believe those are Kelly Mertz' writing.  
 13 Q. Do you see on the left side there are some  
 14 notations with numbers 1 through 4. The first  
 15 one says, Policy of no transfers of any kind?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. Do you see where I'm talking about there?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. Do you recall whether or not at this meeting --  
 20 conference call, I'm sorry, with Morgan  
 21 Guaranty whether they made a statement that  
 22 there should be no more transfers of any kind?  
 23 A. No, I don't recall.  
 24 Q. Do you recall whether AHERF made a statement to  
 25 Morgan that there was an AHERF policy to have

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1 no more transfers of any kind?  
 2 A. I don't recall that kind of statement within  
 3 the conference call.  
 4 Q. Do you recall anything else about this  
 5 conference call?  
 6 A. No, I don't.  
 7 MR. TORBORG: I'd like to mark this  
 8 as our next Exhibit 1938.  
 9 - - - -  
 10 (Exhibit 1938 marked for identification.)  
 11 - - - -  
 12 BY MR. TORBORG:  
 13 Q. For the record, we have marked as Exhibit 1938  
 14 is entitled AGH -- AGH Obligated Group (AGH &  
 15 ASRI) Series 1995-B Reimbursement & Security  
 16 Agreement, Analysis of Adjusted Consolidated  
 17 Unrestricted Fund Balances as of 6/30/96?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. Do you recognize this document, Mr. Martin?  
 20 A. I recognize seeing -- having seen pages like  
 21 this.  
 22 Q. And is it your understanding that this is --  
 23 this was a schedule that attempted to calculate  
 24 the unrestricted fund balance as provided under  
 25 the particular language of the Morgan Guaranty

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1 agreement?  
 2 A. Yes, it was a schedule that was provided to the  
 3 treasury area --  
 4 Q. Okay.  
 5 A. -- by financial accounting area.  
 6 Q. Do you know who within the financial accounting  
 7 area supplied it to treasury?  
 8 A. I don't recall.  
 9 Q. Did you have occasion to review these, this  
 10 calculation on a regular basis?  
 11 A. Well, I think we received these calculations or  
 12 this information on a quarterly basis. I don't  
 13 think I made a habit of digging into the  
 14 numbers and accepted the numbers as they  
 15 were -- they were presented.  
 16 Q. You didn't double-check the finance  
 17 department's calculation?  
 18 A. Nothing beyond the simple addition and  
 19 subtraction on the page. There wasn't any way  
 20 that either myself or anybody else in treasury  
 21 was able to -- to really validate, for example,  
 22 the equity investments in some of these  
 23 subsidiaries. We just didn't have access to  
 24 that information or the ability to develop our  
 25 own calculations or evaluations of this

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1 information.

2 - - - -  
3 (Exhibit 1939 marked for identification.)  
4 - - - -

5 BY MR. TORBORG:

6 Q. For the record, what we have marked as Exhibit  
7 1939, they are Bates Nos. CL 044347 and appears  
8 to be a report of independent accountants on  
9 Coopers & Lybrand letterhead dated September  
10 11, 1996, addressed to the board of trustees of  
11 Allegheny General Hospital.

12 And, Mr. Martin, have you had an  
13 opportunity to review this document?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Can you tell me what this document is?

16 A. It's a report, a letter from Coopers to the  
17 board of trustees of AGH in terms of their  
18 audit of the obligated group and their  
19 requirements under the provisions of the  
20 obligated group, that obligated group being  
21 Allegheny General Hospital and Allegheny  
22 Singer -- or excuse me, that obligated group  
23 being Allegheny General Hospital Obligated  
24 Group.

25 Q. Do you see in the second paragraph, this

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1 required an affirmation from Coopers & Lybrand  
2 that they had reviewed the various financial  
3 covenants?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Was it your understanding that Coopers &  
6 Lybrand would be reviewing the calculation that  
7 we looked at in Exhibit 1938?

8 MR. KRUSKO: Object to form.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what is the basis of that understanding?

11 A. The basis is my recollection of -- of  
12 representatives from Coopers being in the  
13 treasury department and asking for information  
14 related to certain calculations associated with  
15 various debt documents.

16 Q. Do you know whether or not Coopers & Lybrand  
17 had a copy of the reimbursement and security  
18 agreement between AGHOG and Morgan Guaranty  
19 Trust Company?

20 A. No, I don't.

21 Q. Did you expect that they would have a copy of  
22 that?

23 A. I would certainly have expected them to have at  
24 least reviewed the document. They had access  
25 to that document in the treasury department.

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1 particular letter refers to section 7 of the  
2 reimbursement and security agreement dated  
3 April 1, 1995, with Morgan Guaranty Trust  
4 Company of New York?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. PNC Bank as master trustee?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you spoke of, a second ago, requirements by  
9 the obligated group. For this letter would  
10 those requirements be the financial covenants  
11 contained in the reimbursement security  
12 agreement with Morgan Guaranty Trust company?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. KRUSKO: Please note my objection  
15 to foundation on that question.

16 Q. Do you recall why these documents were prepared  
17 by Coopers & Lybrand?

18 MR. KRUSKO: I object. This is one  
19 page. You don't -- you didn't attach the  
20 report to Exhibit 1939. I don't think it's  
21 fair to ask him about documents when there's  
22 only one page before the witness.

23 Q. Okay. You can answer.

24 A. I don't recall.

25 Q. Do you -- do you know if debt agreements

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1 Q. Mr. Martin, I'd like to show you what we  
2 previously marked as Exhibit 350.

3 For the record, what we've marked as  
4 Exhibit 350 is a November 26th, 1997 memorandum  
5 from Susan Gilbert to Joseph Dionisio, that is  
6 copied to, among others, Mr. Martin?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you recall this document, Mr. Martin?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Drawing your attention to the second full  
11 paragraph on the document which states,  
12 Pursuant to our phone conversation earlier this  
13 week, Dave McConnell directed treasury to  
14 incorporate the AGH note receivable into the  
15 liquidity ratio calculation (reflected in  
16 board-designated assets component).

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you recall Mr. McConnell directing treasury  
19 to, in this time period, November 1997, to  
20 incorporate the AGH note receivable into the  
21 liquidity calculation?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you have an understanding of what the AGH  
24 note receivable is at this time?

25 A. I believe that it referred to moneys which were



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1 due to AGH that had been borrowed by the  
2 Delaware Valley operations.

3 Q. Did you have concerns at the time about  
4 including that AGH note receivable into the  
5 liquidity ratio calculation?

6 A. I believe that there had been discussions, and  
7 I think I had expressed some concerns about the  
8 ability of the Delaware Valley Obligated Group  
9 to repay those -- those funds, and if it wasn't  
10 an ability to repay, certainly the timing of  
11 that repayment.

12 And it was Mr. McConnell's argument  
13 that historically the Delaware Valley had been  
14 able to make those repayments and there was no  
15 reason not to think that on a going-forward  
16 basis at some point they wouldn't be able to do  
17 the same.

18 Q. Did you ever discuss this issue with Coopers &  
19 Lybrand, the inclusion of the AGH note  
20 receivable in the liquidity ratio calculations  
21 for various AGH debt?

22 A. I don't recall.

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24 (Exhibit 1940 marked for identification.)  
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1 (The witness reviewed the Exhibit.)

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3 BY MR. TORBORG:

4 Q. For the record, Exhibit 1940, two-page document  
5 contained -- containing e-mail threads dated  
6 7/8/97 between Susan Gilbert and Kelly Mertz,  
7 Angela Maher, and then copying Mr. Martin.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Have you had a chance to look at this document,  
10 Mr. Martin?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall receiving this e-mail, this  
13 e-mail thread, some or all of this e-mail  
14 thread?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And I want to focus on the second page under  
17 the second e-mail thread which I believe starts  
18 with Susan Gilbert's 7/8/97, 10:34 a.m.?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And in the second sentence, Ms. Gilbert wrote,  
21 It appears as though the PNC covenant will not  
22 be met for FY '97, and the Morgan covenant is  
23 questionable.

24 Do you recall, Mr. Martin, that as  
25 originally calculated for the end -- for the

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1 period ending 6/30/97 the AGHOG did not meet  
2 the PNC unrestricted fund balance covenant  
3 which at the time I believe was \$200 million?

4 MR. KRUSKO: Object to form.

5 A. I recall that AGH, the obligated group had  
6 problems meeting that requirement.

7 Q. Do you recall what steps, if any, were taken to  
8 move that, move the AGHOG into compliance with  
9 that covenant, and I'm speaking of the PNC  
10 unrestricted fund balance covenant as of  
11 6/30/97?

12 A. If -- no, I don't.

13 MR. TORBORG: I'm sorry, we got to  
14 mark that one. 1941.

15 -----

16 (Exhibit 1941 marked for identification.)

17 -----

18 (The witness reviewed the Exhibit.)  
19 -----

20 BY MR. TORBORG:

21 Q. For the record, what we've marked as Exhibit  
22 1941 is a February 27th, 1998 memorandum from  
23 Joseph Dionisio to Anthony Sanzo bearing the  
24 Bates No. JDD-2 01323 through 24.

25 And feel free -- you can feel free to

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1 look through the entire document, but I'm going  
2 to be focusing for purposes of my question on  
3 the last bullet at the bottom of the page  
4 starting with At June 30.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Have you had a chance to read that paragraph?

7 A. Yes, I have.

8 Q. Okay. Does that refresh your recollection at  
9 all about any steps that might have been taken  
10 by the organization to improve the fund balance  
11 at AGH as of 6/30/97?

12 MR. KRUSKO: Object to form.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And your recollection as refreshed is what?

15 A. That on seeing that there were going to be some  
16 compliance issues with the ratio as calculated,  
17 we returned that to the AHERF finance --  
18 financial accounting department, along with AGH  
19 Obligated Group, Mr. Dionisio, and said that  
20 certainly as the ratio stood now that indicated  
21 there would be an event of noncompliance.

22 And it was my understanding, although  
23 I didn't see any work product to that effect,  
24 that Mr. Dionisio and I believe AHERF finance  
25 worked on -- on the issue and returned the



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1 A. I -- I honestly don't recall beyond what I've  
2 already said.

3 MR. TORBORG: Okay. That's all the  
4 questions I have. Thank you very much for your  
5 time.

6 THE WITNESS: Sure, thank you.

7 MR. KRUSKO: Mr. Martin, thank you  
8 very much for your time and your generosity in  
9 being here today and the prior two days.

10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: With nothing  
11 further, that concludes the deposition.

12 - - - -  
13 (The proceedings were concluded at 5:52 p.m.)  
14 - - - -

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2 COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY ) S H E E T

3 I, Michael P. Martin, have read the foregoing  
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20 In all other respects, the transcript is true and  
21 correct.

22 MICHAEL P. MARTIN

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3 I, Heidi H. Willis, RPR, CRR, a Court Reporter  
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10 stenographically by me and then reduced to printing  
11 under my direction, and constitutes a true record of  
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18 employee of any of the parties, or a relative or  
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22 and affixed my seal of office this 27th day of  
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12 preceding Errata Sheet.

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14 affix his signature on the Errata Sheet, and it is to  
15 then be notarized.

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19 possession. Send a copy of same to all counsel, and  
20 also a copy to me.

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1 Alfred W. Martinelli  
 2 Q And did you understand while you  
 3 were a member of the AHERF board that there  
 4 were outside professionals such as the  
 5 auditors --  
 6 A Oh, yes.  
 7 Q -- that were there to assist you in  
 8 discharging your responsibilities as a member  
 9 of the Board of Trustees?  
 10 A Absolutely.  
 11 Q Did you also know that at the time  
 12 that you were on the AHERF board that Coopers  
 13 & Lybrand was the outside auditors for AHERF?  
 14 A Yes.  
 15 Q Had you ever met with any of the  
 16 auditors from Coopers & Lybrand during your  
 17 tenure with AHERF either within the context of  
 18 a formal board meeting or outside?  
 19 A They may have been there to make a  
 20 presentation. I don't recall specifically,  
 21 but I never had kind of a one on one  
 22 relationship with them. And if they did  
 23 appear, it would have been early on and they  
 24 would have maybe talked to the full board.  
 25 Q You don't specifically recall

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1 Alfred W. Martinelli  
 2 Mr. Buettner being the partner in charge?  
 3 A No.  
 4 Q As a member of AHERF's board, did  
 5 you then rely on Coopers & Lybrand to provide  
 6 the board or audit committee with accurate  
 7 information about the work it was doing in  
 8 connection with its audits?  
 9 A Yes.  
 10 Q And I assume you relied on them to  
 11 perform their duties as the outside auditors  
 12 competently and with integrity; correct?  
 13 A There's a set of principles, there's  
 14 an accounting principle board, there's an  
 15 engagement letter and all that's spelled out.  
 16 I hadn't seen the engagement letter, but I  
 17 understood the accounting principles board.  
 18 And so we just assumed we were assured they  
 19 would be operating in that context.  
 20 Q And was it your expectation that if  
 21 Coopers & Lybrand had determined that there  
 22 was some information in the financial  
 23 statements that had been presented to them for  
 24 audit that was in some way inaccurate or  
 25 incorrect that Coopers would notify the audit

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1 Alfred W. Martinelli  
 2 committee or the board as a whole?  
 3 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.  
 4 BY MS. MEADEN:  
 5 Q You may answer.  
 6 A In my past experience with public  
 7 accounting firms, I found them to be quite  
 8 ethical and quite moral and I would  
 9 absolutely -- if something came to their  
 10 knowledge that was being held from the board,  
 11 I would expect them to let us know.  
 12 Q During your time that you were on  
 13 the AHERF board, what was your understanding  
 14 of the function that the AHERF audit committee  
 15 of the board performed?  
 16 A Again, to see that the auditors  
 17 implemented the engagement letter, to review  
 18 the engagement letter with them, the scope of  
 19 the audit, to deal with it, to receive the  
 20 results of the audit and to go over it in  
 21 great detail because as a director I'm  
 22 entitled to rely not only on the outside  
 23 auditors, I'm entitled to rely on the people,  
 24 board members or committees who form the  
 25 committee of the board to deal with the audit

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1 Alfred W. Martinelli  
 2 and finance committee. So my sense is that  
 3 the audit committee would look at all of those  
 4 things, kind of review the 10Ks, review the  
 5 quarterly reports that came out, and all of  
 6 the other regulatory information that was put  
 7 forward. Even though we weren't public, we  
 8 had public debt, so they had to go through it  
 9 and put some of this data out.  
 10 Q So when you mentioned a 10K, of  
 11 course, AHERF didn't file a 10K?  
 12 A No.  
 13 Q Do you know, during the time period  
 14 in the mid-1990s, '96, '97, who the members of  
 15 the audit committee were at AHERF?  
 16 A I do not.  
 17 Q Do you recall that Mr. Barnes was  
 18 the chairman of the audit committee at that  
 19 time?  
 20 A I don't know that specifically.  
 21 Q Okay.  
 22 A I think that most of those board  
 23 members were -- I think when the merger took  
 24 place, not all of the Hahneemann board members  
 25 became members of the AHERF board. A lot of

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1 Alfred W. Martinelli  
2 them were kind of let go because I think there  
3 must have been 30 or 40 people on that board.  
4 And one or two of the people might have gone  
5 on the audit committee. My recollection is  
6 that maybe Bob Palmer did and maybe Dorothy  
7 brown. I'm not sure.

8 Q Do you recall during your tenure on  
9 the audit board having confidence in those  
10 members of the board who made up the audit  
11 committee?

12 A Yes.

13 MR. FRIESEN: Objection. You  
14 said audit board I think by mistake.

15 MS. MEADEN: I'm sorry. I  
16 meant the AHERF board. Thank you. Let  
17 me rephrase the question so we have a  
18 nice clear question.

19 BY MS. MEADEN:

20 Q During your tenure as a member of  
21 the AHERF board, do you recall having  
22 confidence in those trustees who comprised the  
23 audit committee of the board?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Was it your recollection that each

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2 year the audit committee would present to the  
3 board as a whole the audited financials and  
4 recommend or not recommend that the board  
5 accept the audited financials as presented?

6 A That's the normal procedure. And I  
7 don't know if I was present, but that's the  
8 normal procedure at any board meeting.

9 Q Are you talking about the normal  
10 procedure within the AHERF system or --

11 A Within the AHERF system.

12 Q And do you ever recall an instance  
13 where the audit committee did not recommend  
14 that the board accept the audited financial  
15 statements as presented?

16 A No, I do not.

17 Q And during your tenure on the AHERF  
18 board, do you ever recall that the AHERF  
19 financial statements received something other  
20 than a clean opinion from Coopers & Lybrand?

21 A I do not ever recall them saying  
22 they did not receive a clean opinion.

23 Q I may have gotten ahead of myself.  
24 I'd like to step back a minute and ask you  
25 what your understanding is of the role that an

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2 entity's outside auditors play in reviewing  
3 financial statements.

4 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

5 A Well, there's a set of principles  
6 that are put forth by the accounting principle  
7 board that the auditors in order to certify a  
8 statement have to concern themselves with the  
9 facts that are presented, that they're  
10 accurate, that -- management prepares the  
11 statements. The auditors don't prepare the  
12 statement. And the auditors go back and  
13 essentially check statements that were  
14 prepared by management. They also have an  
15 obligation to look at any projections and to  
16 indicate whether or not those projections are  
17 in line or not in line. And they generally  
18 are also asked to look at various obligations  
19 that the enterprise entered into such as debt  
20 covenants and those kind of things to see  
21 companies are in line with that. They don't  
22 do it on a complete basis. They do it on a  
23 test basis with the theory they test enough of  
24 the transactions and look at enough of the  
25 situations to render an opinion.

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2 Q In the simplest terms, the outside  
3 auditors present an independent review of the  
4 entity's financial statements; correct?

5 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

6 A You got it.

7 Q He's probably going to object to my  
8 questions, so you may want to wait a half a  
9 beat before you start to answer.

10 A Okay.

11 Q We've been through this before.  
12 Based on your business experience, based on  
13 your experience as a member of various boards,  
14 what is the significance to you of receiving a  
15 clean opinion from an outside auditor on an  
16 entity's financial statements?

17 A Well, if you drive some of the new  
18 cars and you turn the thing on, it says no  
19 malfunction, you feel very good about it.  
20 Essentially, a clean opinion is an assurance  
21 that management is preparing numbers in  
22 accordance with accounting principles, that  
23 the projections you received are okay, and  
24 that all of the other things that go on with  
25 the company, all the internal control problems



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2 if you're worried a little about that in  
3 various companies, various control mechanisms  
4 for dealing with cash and accounts receivable,  
5 and so when you get a clean opinion the  
6 auditors have done sufficient checking to  
7 ensure themselves that everything is okay.

8 Q And did you feel that assurance when  
9 you learned that Coopers & Lybrand had given  
10 clean opinions on AHERF's financial  
11 statements?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Again, was it your understanding  
14 that the auditors' first line of communication  
15 with the AHERF board was through the audit  
16 committee?

17 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

18 A The communications -- I mean, I  
19 think you need to -- they have a reporting  
20 responsibility to the audit committee and then  
21 to the board. Communications, a lot of it  
22 takes place with management. If they see  
23 something that they think is amiss or some  
24 area of control that they think is weak, they  
25 will talk to management about that and get

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2 management's view as to how to correct that  
3 before they go back to the board so that the  
4 board sees there's a problem and management's  
5 view as to the issues, how to correct that.

6 Q My question was poorly worded. What  
7 I was just trying to get at was, was it your  
8 understanding that it was the audit  
9 committee's role to interact with the auditors  
10 on behalf of the board as a whole?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Thank you. Now, again, based on  
13 your business experience and your experience  
14 with other boards, did you have an expectation  
15 as to the types of things that auditors should  
16 bring to the attention of the audit committee?

17 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

18 A As I said before, there are issues  
19 of internal control that are weakening, if there  
20 was a question of any defalcations or anything  
21 like that that would likely occur, if some of  
22 the assumptions and projections going forward  
23 are totally out of line with their judgment,  
24 they have an obligation to say something about  
25 that.

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2 Q So certainly if the auditors had  
3 uncovered material misstatements within the  
4 financial statements presented to them for  
5 review, would you have expected Coopers &  
6 Lybrand to bring that to the attention of the  
7 AHERF audit committee?

8 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

9 A Absolutely.

10 Q And, similarly, if Coopers & Lybrand  
11 had found intentional misstatements in those  
12 financial statements, would you have expected  
13 Coopers to bring that to the attention of the  
14 AHERF audit committee?

15 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

16 A Absolutely.

17 Q What about issues that Coopers  
18 discovered that reflected on the competency of  
19 financial management; would you have expected  
20 them to bring that to the attention of AHERF,  
21 the AHERF audit committee?

22 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

23 A You need to deal with the question  
24 competency. If it's a subjective situation,  
25 you know, I'm not sure that you want them to

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2 get into that. If it's competency with  
3 respect to gross negligence and not doing the  
4 job, then you would expect to hear about that.

5 Q If it was an issue with respect to  
6 their competency with following GAP, generally  
7 accepted accounting principles, would you have  
8 expected that to have been brought to the  
9 attention of the audit committee?

10 MR. FRIESEN: Wait. Objection.

11 A I would think that the auditors  
12 would have an obligation to kind of dig into  
13 that a little bit because following generally  
14 accepted accounting principles is not quite as  
15 easy as it sounds and there's a lot of give  
16 and take in that. And so if there's an  
17 issue -- if they took an issue with the way  
18 some revenue was recorded or some expenses  
19 were being written or some receivables were  
20 being written off or not collected, then they  
21 would have an obligation to tell the audit  
22 committee on that.

23 Q What if Coopers & Lybrand had found  
24 issues reflecting on the integrity of AHERF's  
25 financial management; would you have expected

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 2 them to bring that to the attention of the  
 3 audit committee?  
 4 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.  
 5 A Integrity in what sense?  
 6 Q Integrity in the sense of honesty or  
 7 lack thereof.  
 8 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.  
 9 A Again, honesty meaning if they are  
 10 deliberately falsifying any information, that  
 11 would be -- and they knew it, they would  
 12 absolutely have an obligation to tell the  
 13 audit committee.  
 14 Q During your tenure on the AHERF  
 15 board, did you ever come to learn that Coopers  
 16 & Lybrand had raised any issues of the type  
 17 we've just talked about with anyone on the  
 18 audit committee or on the board as a whole?  
 19 A I don't know that personally.  
 20 Q Now, if Coopers & Lybrand had raised  
 21 issues of the type we just discussed with the  
 22 audit committee, would you have expected the  
 23 audit committee to conduct an investigation  
 24 into those issues?  
 25 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

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 2 A I think that the audit committee's  
 3 obligation is to bring that to the attention  
 4 of the full board. And then the question is  
 5 that the full board would generally -- if that  
 6 did happen, they would generally appoint some  
 7 outsider, attorney or another accountant, to  
 8 come in and look at that to see whether that  
 9 was true or not.  
 10 Q And if -- I'm sorry. I didn't mean  
 11 to interrupt you.  
 12 A And, you know, if it was, take what  
 13 the appropriate actions are.  
 14 Q And the appropriate actions would  
 15 be?  
 16 A Dismissal or let them go and see  
 17 what happened.  
 18 Q You're talking about perhaps  
 19 dismissal of management?  
 20 A The management and the board and the  
 21 auditors if the auditors have misled or  
 22 deliberately misled, you know, and put forth  
 23 statements that were incorrect.  
 24 Q Another option would be to bring in  
 25 a consultant to help straighten out the

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 2 situation?  
 3 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.  
 4 A Well, if it's deliberate, it's not a  
 5 question of straightening it out. It's a  
 6 question of getting rid of the people who did  
 7 that. I mean, deliberate, that is a whole  
 8 different thing. If someone makes a mistake,  
 9 if there's a receivable that's not working  
 10 correctly or accounts receivable department,  
 11 they might need help, auditors might say we  
 12 think you need some help, bring some  
 13 outsiders. If someone says they recorded a  
 14 million when it should have been 10 million  
 15 and we let that go, then you have to ask  
 16 yourself -- that's a question of basic  
 17 integrity of the job that's being performed  
 18 and that's a whole different question.  
 19 Q At any time, did you ever come to  
 20 question the accuracy of the AHERF audited  
 21 financial statements?  
 22 A No.  
 23 Q I think you had testified earlier,  
 24 Mr. Martinelli, that at a certain period in  
 25 time you believed that there was sufficient

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 2 capital within the AHERF system to support the  
 3 operations in the east that were having  
 4 difficulty?  
 5 A Yes.  
 6 Q If Coopers & Lybrand had determined  
 7 during the course of its audit work that  
 8 there, in fact, wasn't sufficient capital  
 9 within the system to keep the eastern  
 10 enterprises operating, would that be something  
 11 that you would have expected they would report  
 12 to the audit committee or to the board?  
 13 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.  
 14 A Well, I think it's something that  
 15 had to be brought up, but what would be more  
 16 important is not the fact that it was brought  
 17 up but what management's answer was. At a  
 18 given point in time, if you say this is low  
 19 tide but not to worry because, you know, in  
 20 three hours high tide's going to come in and  
 21 we'll be okay. So the fact that that happened  
 22 is important, but also listening to what  
 23 management had to say was equally important.  
 24 Q Earlier today you looked at the  
 25 first quarter financials for fiscal year 1998

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2 that reflected a net loss of approximately \$42  
3 million and you and Mr. Friesen had a  
4 conversation about that. My question really  
5 goes to, at that time, was there any  
6 information that came to your attention that  
7 AHERF's survival as a going enterprise was in  
8 question?

9 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

10 A No.

11 Q I'm sorry?

12 A No.

13 Q And I take it from the letters that  
14 you wrote over the course of your tenure with  
15 the AHERF board that if something came to your  
16 attention that you were concerned about or  
17 that raised questions in your mind, you didn't  
18 hesitate to probe and to seek answers to those  
19 questions; is that correct?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q And do you believe that if Coopers &  
22 Lybrand had brought to the attention of the  
23 audit committee or the board and to your  
24 attention issues of the type that we discussed  
25 earlier -- intentional misstatements,

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2 fraudulent misstatements -- do you believe  
3 that you would have continued to probe to get  
4 to the bottom of the issues that they would  
5 have raised with you?

6 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

7 A Yeah, absolutely.

8 Q That is not something that you would  
9 have ever ignored as a board member of AHERF;  
10 correct? I'm sorry?

11 MR. FRIESEN: Objection.

12 A Absolutely.

13 Q Absolutely correct, you would have  
14 probed?

15 A Yes.

16 MS. MEADEN: Thank you. I  
17 don't have any further questions for you.

18 MR. FRIESEN: I actually don't  
19 either so we can all go. Thanks very  
20 much.

21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
22 going off the video record. This  
23 concludes Tape 3. The time is 3:03 p.m.  
24 (Whereupon the deposition  
25 adjourned at 3:03 p.m.)

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2 transcript of my deposition given on May  
3 5, 2004, and it is true, correct, and  
4 complete, to the best of my knowledge,  
5 recollection, and belief, except for the  
6 corrections noted hereon and/or list of  
7 corrections, if any, attached on a  
8 separate sheet herewith.

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14 ALFRED W. MARTINELLI

17 Subscribed and sworn to  
18 before me this \_\_\_\_ day  
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1 statistics for the Graduate Hospital in 1994 and 1995  
2 had been negative, as stated by this document?

3 MS. MEADEN: Objection.

4 A. If I just thought about it, I would say no, I  
5 didn't think they were negative, but I don't recall the  
6 numbers.

7 BY MS. ZACH:

8 Q. And when you say you don't recall the numbers,  
9 you don't recall the specific numbers for admissions or  
10 length of stay?

11 A. I was thinking about the trends of these  
12 things in '94 and '95. I probably wouldn't have thought  
13 at this point they were negative trends, but I don't  
14 recall for sure.

15 Q. And you were aware at the beginning of  
16 calendar year 1996 that the economic performance of the  
17 Graduate Hospital had been negative?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you don't have recollection for 1994 and  
22 1995?

23 A. No.

24 Q. The next paragraph states, "Intensive efforts  
25 to improve the hospital's performance through a focus on

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1 physician recruitment serve as quality and expense  
2 management as described in a separate section of this  
3 report."

4 Do you see that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was it your understanding at the time of this  
7 document in the end of 1996 that efforts were in fact  
8 being taken to improve the hospital's performance?

9 A. You could say that about the -- all the  
10 hospitals in the system, sure.

11 Q. Did you believe that these efforts were in  
12 fact intensive?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. If you could turn to the page ending in 265,  
15 this section is titled "Relationships with  
16 Nongovernmental Payors." The first paragraph reads,  
17 "The nongovernmental payors with the largest penetration  
18 in the Philadelphia region are Independence BlueCross  
19 and US Healthcare. Their combined market share is  
20 approximately 90 percent."

21 Do you see that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Does this refresh your recollection at all  
24 regarding the HMO market within the Philadelphia region?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Do you have any additional recollection  
2 regarding the effects of these two dominant HMOs in the  
3 Philadelphia market?

4 A. 90 percent just doesn't refer to HMOs. It  
5 refers to all of the BlueCross insured. So the HMOs  
6 have grown significantly. It usually had a negative  
7 effect on the bottom line of the hospitals, unless the  
8 volumes were great enough to offset the lower rates and  
9 in some cases the volume increases were.

10 Q. In your understanding, was that one of the  
11 reasons why hospitals focused on increasing admissions?

12 A. To increase their bottom line, yes. To offset  
13 the lower rates that were being paid to them.

14 Q. And in your experience, had the acquisition of  
15 physician practices been one method that hospitals had  
16 taken to increase admissions?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Mr. Mathews, had you been involved at all in  
19 Graduate Health System's efforts to sell one or any of  
20 its hospitals?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Can you describe for me your involvement in  
23 Graduate Health System's efforts to sell any of its  
24 hospitals?

25 A. I was involved in the Community General

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1 Hospital in Reading, its sale to Franciscan Health  
2 System.

3 Q. Were you involved in any other sale or  
4 acquisition?

5 A. Peripherally. You mean as relates to AHERF  
6 or --

7 Q. Well, let's talk about AHERF first. Were you  
8 involved at all in the decision to attempt to sell the  
9 hospitals to AHERF Health System?

10 A. I was involved in discussion.

11 Q. And by discussion, you are referring to  
12 internal discussions within Graduate Health System?

13 A. I was kind of kept out of that because AHERF  
14 was going to employ me, so they felt it was  
15 inappropriate for me to get involved in the actual sale  
16 or transfer because of that. So that was handled mainly  
17 by the members of the board.

18 Q. Let me focus first prior to any contact that  
19 may have been made between Graduate Health System and  
20 AHERF. Were there internal discussions prior to any  
21 contact between the two health systems?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Were you involved in those internal  
24 discussions?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Were those discussions concerning whether  
2 Graduate Health Systems should sell any of its  
3 hospitals?  
4 A. To AHERF?  
5 Q. Just generally.  
6 A. We had looked at merging with other systems,  
7 acquiring other hospitals, merging with insurance  
8 companies; everything was looked at.  
9 Q. Do you know why Graduate Health System was  
10 considering these options for its hospitals?  
11 A. To improve its bottom line. We thought that  
12 we could guarantee the survivability of the hospitals if  
13 we were involved with a much larger organization. It  
14 would make us more competitive in the marketplace.  
15 Q. Why is it that Graduate Health System believed  
16 that merging with a larger health system would make it  
17 more competitive in the marketplace?  
18 A. Talking about AHERF? If you look at AHERF, it  
19 was the amount of capital or dollars they said they had  
20 available to make improvements in the hospital, do  
21 physician acquisitions, just overall improve the  
22 financial viability of the hospitals.  
23 Q. Was there also an understanding that greater  
24 leverage could be obtained with HMO negotiations through  
25 a larger health system?

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1 A. That's the whole purpose of having a larger  
2 health system, to negotiate with third-party payors to  
3 get better rates.  
4 Q. And the belief was that the larger the health  
5 system, the more leverage could be obtained with the  
6 HMOs?  
7 A. Yes, yes. Not just the HMOs. All the  
8 third-party payors. Not Medicare but BlueCross.  
9 Q. Were you aware of any specific health systems  
10 that Graduate Health System had considered merging or  
11 selling its hospitals to?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. And I'm speaking other than AHERF.  
14 A. We talked to Penn, talked to the Crozer or  
15 Keystone Crozer System. I can't recall who else we  
16 talked to, but those were the two major ones.  
17 Q. Do you recall when those discussions had taken  
18 place?  
19 A. I would think in '95, '96 time frame.  
20 Q. Were you personally involved in discussions  
21 with Penn and Crozer Keystone?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. And there ultimately was not a transaction  
24 with those two health systems. Do you recall why?  
25 A. I think with Penn the concern was they wanted

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1 all of the dollars of the health system and indeed it  
2 was set up during the acquisition of the HMO. They  
3 wanted to get control of all those dollars, which was in  
4 excess of a hundred million dollars. It was in that  
5 part of the system. I just think Penn -- they just  
6 weren't that interested.  
7 Crozer Keystone, they didn't want to give up  
8 their control, so they didn't go ahead with it.  
9 Q. Were you responsible at all for providing  
10 financial information to either Penn or Crozer Keystone  
11 regarding the hospitals?  
12 A. CFO of the system did that.  
13 Q. Were you aware of any concerns that either of  
14 these hospital systems had regarding the financial  
15 condition of the Graduate Health System hospitals?  
16 A. Not specifically, no.  
17 Q. You stated earlier, I think, that you had less  
18 involvement in the acquisition of the hospitals by AHERF  
19 because you were going to be employed by AHERF, correct?  
20 A. Correct.  
21 Q. Do you recall when the decision was made that  
22 you would be employed by AHERF?  
23 A. Sometime in '96. I don't recall when.  
24 Q. Can you recall --  
25 A. I think the April, May time frame. Something

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1 like that.  
2 Q. Were you involved at all in the provision of  
3 information to AHERF regarding the Graduate hospitals?  
4 A. Not that I recall.  
5 Q. Do you recall who was responsible for  
6 providing information to AHERF within the Graduate  
7 Health System?  
8 A. I think the chief financial officer was. I  
9 would also assume -- I guess there was some information  
10 provided directly by the hospital's chief financial  
11 officers, but I don't recall what information that was.  
12 Q. Did you have any contact directly with AHERF  
13 prior to the transition of your employment to AHERF?  
14 A. Various meetings with their officers. So I  
15 had contact.  
16 Q. Do you recall any discussions that you may  
17 have had with anyone from AHERF prior to your employment  
18 by AHERF?  
19 A. No.  
20 Q. Was it your understanding that any information  
21 requested by AHERF had been provided?  
22 A. I thought so.  
23 Q. You didn't have any knowledge regarding  
24 withholding information on the part of Graduate Health  
25 System?